Schemes for forest development in Madhya Pradesh

†4376. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted 11 schemes of forest promotion involving the total cost of Rs. 736.84 crores to the Government of India during November, 1999 to 2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted State Forest Action Plan for approval on 30th November, 2000; and

(c) if so, the details of decision taken by the Central Government on both schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted 13 projects for promotion of forestry involving Rs. 12013.449 crores for a period of twenty years under National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) for securing external assistance.

(b) and (c) The Government of India have received the State Forestry Action Plan prepared by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The NFAP has been formulated by the Government of India after compiling the State Forestry Action Plan of all States including that of Madhya Pradesh. The projects have been posed to external donor agencies like World Bank, European Union, IDRC, USAID, JBIC, etc. for providing financial assistance for implementation of the NFAP.

Forest destruction due to fire

4377. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item 'Fire destroys 300 hectares of Gir forests' as appeared in media recently;

(b) if so, the details of destruction of forests due to fire;

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